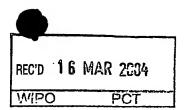
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v.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement					
1.	Statement					
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES		
	Novely (11)	Claims		NO		
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	Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES		
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	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES		
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2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

D1: KR 2001-8158 D2: KR 2001-44684

### NOVELTY(N): Claims 1 to 13

Closest prior art is represented by D1 and D2.

These documents, however, do not disclose a system and method capable of using an amount of money, which is printed on a gift certificate, in credit card transactions.

Consequently, claims 1 to 13 are novel(article 33(2)PCT)

## INVENTIVE STEP(IS): Claims 1 to 13

The state of the art does not give any hints to combine the teachings of these documents, and does not arrive at the teachings of the subject-matter defined in the claims.

Therefore, inventive step in the sense of article 33(3)PCT can be acknowledged for the subject-matter of claims 1 to 13 according to the present case.

## INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY(IA): Claims 1 to 13

claims 1-13 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4) because they are directed to a system and method capable of using an amount of money.